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Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: *Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90, A National Broadband Plan for Our Future, GN Docket No. 09-51, High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

South Carolina's Everlasting Gospel Kingdom Ministries has been spreading God's Word for almost 15 years. Despite advancements in technology, we have done so on a grassroots level and built it one person at a time. We find South Carolinians coming together almost every day of the week to seek solace in our prayer ministry. Considering South Carolina's high unemployment, 9.9%, it is no wonder people are seeking prayer to help overcome the challenges they are facing.

It may surprise you to know that Everlasting Gospel Kingdom Ministries does not have a web site. Despite this, people have still been able to find us, thanks to the most basic form of technology, the telephone. We organize statewide phone prayer centers 4 times a week, giving people the chance to find peace, for a few minutes at least, in a hectic world. We are able to do so by using FreeConferenceCall.com, a service that is not free but cheaper than using phone carriers who charge an organizer fee. When we discovered the service we realized we could cost effectively join South Carolinians in prayer and it has strengthened our ministry.

Recently, I learned the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is contemplating new rules that might do away with free conferencing services. This action will have an immediate dramatic negative effect on South Carolinians who rely on the power of prayer, via the telephone, to overcome their struggles. I implore you to consider the consequences of this action.

Sincerely,

Mikell E. Snooks

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